

Rebuttal to Argument Against Proposition 9
(250 words)

It's sad when special interests resort to personal attacks against crime victims and their families.

MAKE NO MISTAKE: TODAY, IN CALIFORNIA, INNOCENT VICTIMS ARE BEING PUNISHED BY A BROKEN SYSTEM.

Here are two examples, among thousands:

Anna Del Rio, whose daughter was executed by a "shooter for gangs", was intimidated by gang members - *in court* - and NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK or wear a picture of her daughter.

Marguerite Hemphill left her paralyzed husband's bedside to attend the parole hearing for her daughter's killer. After driving 300 miles, she learned the hearing was postponed. HEMPHILL WASN'T NOTIFIED AND HAS NO RECOURSE...she must repeat the trip again.

If victims already have rights, why does this happen?

MURDERERS, RAPISTS AND CHILD MOLESTERS HAVE RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION. CRIME VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE NO SIMILAR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

PROPOSITION 9 RESTORES JUSTICE, DUE PROCESS, HUMAN DIGNITY AND FAIRNESS. It makes convicted criminals pay their debt to society by prohibiting politicians from releasing criminals just to reduce prison populations.

Crime Victims United of California, Justice for Homicide Victims, Justice for Murdered Children, Memory of Victims Everywhere, National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, police chiefs, sheriffs, and district attorneys say VOTE YES.

TRUST CALIFORNIANS: 1.2 MILLION PEOPLE, DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, PUT PROP. 9 ON THE BALLOT. IT CAN SAVE TAXPAYERS TENS OF MILLIONS according to the non-partisan legislative analyst. More importantly, Prop. 9 can save lives.

**SUBJECT TO COURT
ORDERED CHANGES**

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Remember the pain endured by victims Anna Del Rio and Marguerite Hemphill. Please vote YES.

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